

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-64 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-19, 21-24, 33-36, and 39-50 are rejected, and Claims 7, 10, 20, 25-32, 37, 38, and 51 are objected to. Claims 1, 8-10, 20, 25, 27, 29, 31, 37, 38, and 49 are amended, and Claims 7, 48, and 51-64 are canceled. No new matter is added.

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Claim 1 is amended to recite the limitations of Claim 7, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form with all the limitations of intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 1 is now allowable.

Further, the Examiner indicated that Claims 10, 20, 25, 27, 29, 31, 37, 38, and 51 are allowable if rewritten in independent form with all the limitations of intervening claims. Accordingly Claim 10 has been amended to recite the limitations of Claims 1 and 5, Claims 20, 25, 27, 29, 31, 37, and 38 have been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 1, and Claim 49 has been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 51. Thus, independent Claims 10, 20, 25, 27, 29, 31, 37, 38, and 49 are now all allowable.

Claims 7 and 48 are canceled, along with Claims 51-64, which were previously withdrawn.

The remaining claims either depend on allowable claims or have been amended to depend on allowable claims. Accordingly, these claims are also now allowable.

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Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments to the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) and withdrawal of the rejections to Claims 1-3 and 5-64.

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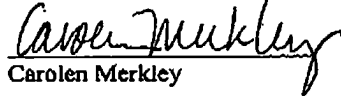
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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe pending Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-47, 49, and 50 in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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